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### **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT Join Cities Nationwide For “AMERICA’S NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME”.**

On Tuesday, August 5th, neighborhoods and Citizens throughout the City of Cottonwood and the Verde Valley are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the “31<sup>th</sup> Annual National Night Out” (NNO) crime and drug prevention event. National Night Out, which is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) and co-sponsored locally by the City of Cottonwood Police Department will involve over 15,000 communities from all 50 states, US territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world. In all over 37 million people are expected to participate in “America’s Night Out Against Crime”. NNO 2014 is being supported nationally by Target and locally by many businesses and organizations from the Cottonwood area and Verde Valley area. It is because of the local businesses’ and organizations’ donations that this event has become so successful each year, becoming the largest attended NNO event in Arizona north of Phoenix area for the past five years in a row.

National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for, and participation in local anticrime efforts, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community partnerships and send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. Last year we estimate we had over 1,400 families and children in attendance, this year we are anticipating over 1,500 participants, continuing to be the Largest National Night Out event in Northern Arizona for the fifth year in a row.

From 5:30pm to 8:00pm on August 5, 2014 at the Cottonwood Children’s Park (12<sup>th</sup> and Cherry St) residents in neighborhoods throughout Cottonwood and across the nation are asked to lock their doors and turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police. The Cottonwood Police Department will be hosting a variety of special events at the Children’s Park once again this year.

This is a night for America and residents of Cottonwood to stand together to promote awareness, safety and neighborhood unity. National Night Out showcases the vital importance of police-community partnerships and citizen involvement in the fight to build a safe community. On NNO we invite everyone in Cottonwood and surrounding areas to join us in Giving Crime and Drugs a Going Away Party.

This year the City of Cottonwood Police Department and the NNO Committee has put together an event that is free for the whole family including children’s bounce houses along with entertainment, free hot dogs, hamburgers, popcorn, snow cones, pop and water free prizes and much more. Over 30 business and organization from Cottonwood and the Verde Valley will be

setting up displays and giving out free information promoting NNO and public safety for children and families along with the Cottonwood Police Department display and demonstrations.

Please feel free to contact James Iacovacci, NNO Coordinator at 928.202.8120 for more information or Sergeant Monica Kuhlt at 928.634.4246.

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